



A lucky couple from Dover, Mass say good-bye to Aruba until next year

What makes Peggy and Paul Morris of Dover, Massachusetts so lucky? They might tell you that being able to afford and have the time to enjoy six weeks of timesharing in Aruba at the Paradise Beach Villas is enough, but this year they ended their stay with some incredible luck during the Eagle Beach jump-in on Friday night. During the raffle held by the Key Largo Casino for all those attending the jump-in and enjoying themselves at the tables that evening, they managed to win three great prizes, a gift certificate from Kok Optica, perfume from Maggy's, and a weekend stay at the La Cabana Villas.

What is even more interesting and touching is that Peggy and Paul did not think for a moment to keep these things for themselves, but decided to give them to their best friend in Aruba, Alex Krosendijk, the Housekeeping Manager at Paradise Beach Villas.

Peggy and Paul had already been visiting Aruba for nine years consecutively when they bought their units at Paradise six years ago, and first met Alex. They explain that since the beginning of their first stay Paradixe "Alex has always been there for us with whatever we needed, way above and beyond what his job requires. His sincere warmth and kindness is what we feel typifies all our experiences with the people in Aruba, and is what makes our annual visits fly by as if they were only two weeks long."

Alex, in turn, was deeply moved by the kindness of the Peggy and Paul, but feels he treats them as he treats all the guests at Paradise Beach Villas. "I like to help my guests whenever I can; I am proud to tell them about our island and help them find their way around, and what is nice to do. I love my work at Paradise Beach Villas for the last nine years; I have a home here." Though Alex was made a manager one year ago, he explains that he is uncomfortable with the title, "for my people, I say don't call me Manager, I am just "Alex."

Alex's little kindnesses and pride in his homeland is what island visitors remember when they return to the States. He tells of how his wife enjoys doing handicrafts, and he gives these as gifts to his long time friends as a reminder of Aruba. The morning of their departure, Peggy and Paul were happy to give to Alex something in return for him and his wife to enjoy, as they have so contributed to the enjoyment of their visits. A big hug and a warm farewell saw the Morrisises off to their flight home, already "dreaming of their return to Aruba," and hoping that Alex and his wife will perhaps take a break from working so hard and enjoy nice weekend escape at the La Cabana Villas!